

Blackburn, Coons, Leahy, Durbin, Whitehouse, Blumenthal, Hirono, and Harris.

*Subcommittee on Oversight, Agency Action, Federal Rights and Federal Courts:* Senators Sasse (Chair), Grassley, Tillis, Ernst, Crapo, Kennedy, Blumenthal, Leahy, Whitehouse, Klobuchar, and Hirono.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship:* Committee adopted its rules of procedure, and ordered favorably reported an original resolution authorizing expenditures by the Committee for the 116th Congress.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Committee adopted its rules of procedure, and ordered favorably reported an

original resolution (S. Res. 55) authorizing expenditures by the Committee for the 116th Congress.

### INTELLIGENCE

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing on certain intelligence matters from officials of the intelligence community.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee adopted its rules of procedure, and ordered favorably reported an original resolution (S. Res. 58) authorizing expenditures by the Committee for the 116th Congress.

## House of Representatives

### Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 75 public bills, H.R. 1032–1107; 1 private bill, H.R. 1107; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 109–112, were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

**Pages H1164–65**

**Reports Filed:** There were no reports filed today.

**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Murphy to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

***Tiffany Joslyn Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program Reauthorization Act of 2019:*** H.R. 494, amended, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant program;

**Pages H1403–06**

***Preventing Crimes Against Veterans Act of 2019:*** H.R. 450, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide an additional tool to prevent certain frauds against veterans, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 70;

**Pages H1406–09, H1416–17**

***Put Trafficking Victims First Act of 2019:*** H.R. 507, to direct the Attorney General to study issues

relating to human trafficking, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nay vote of 414 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 71; and

**Pages H1409–13, H1417–18**

***Open Book on Equal Access to Justice Act:*** H.R. 752, to amend titles 5 and 28, United States Code, to require the maintenance of databases on awards of fees and other expenses to prevailing parties in certain administrative proceedings and court cases to which the United States is a party.

**Pages H1413–15**

***Veterans' Access to Child Care Act:*** The House considered H.R. 840, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide child care assistance to veterans receiving certain medical services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs. Consideration is expected to resume tomorrow, February 8th.

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Pursuant to the Rule, it shall be in order to consider as an original bill for the purpose of amendment under the five-minute rule an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–3.

**Pages H1421–22**

Agreed to:

Brindisi amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that clarifies that veterans who receive covered health care services at VA community-based out-patient clinics are eligible for child care assistance;

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Radewagen amendment (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that clarifies that the child care benefit

be made available for veterans while they are traveling to or attending VA appointments and not at any other time; **Pages H1423–24**

Rose (NY) amendment (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that includes substance or drug abuse counseling in the definition of “covered health care services”; **Page H1424**

Lee (NV) amendment (No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that specifies that all Vet Centers, not just Vet Centers located within a physical area in which VA has jurisdiction, would also be a place where veterans could be eligible for no-cost child care; **Page H1426**

Barr amendment (No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that require a study of the effects of child care assistance provided under section 2 of the underlying bill and on compliance with treatment protocols; **Pages H1426–27**

Cisneros amendment (No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that requires the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a feasibility study to determine how the Department of Veterans Affairs could provide child care assistance for veterans who receive covered health care services from non-Department facilities; **Pages H1427–28**

Cisneros amendment (No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that include intensive health care services related to physical therapy for a service-connected disability in the definition of “covered health care services”; **Page H1428**

Rodney Davis (IL) amendment (No. 9 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that prevents interpretation by the VA that only one of the two parents could be considered the primary caretaker; **Pages H1428–29**

Sablan amendment (No. 10 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that clarifies that veterans who receive telemental health services furnished by the Department as opposed to in-person mental health services would be eligible for child care assistance authorized under the bill; and **Pages H1429–39**

Cloud amendment (No. 11 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that directs the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to conduct an annual report to Congress on its processing system for child care payments to veterans and private care providers; moreover, the VA must identify the number of unprocessed child care claims that have been left unresolved in its report. **Pages H1430–31**

Proceedings Postponed:

Bergman amendment (No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 116–6) that seeks to prohibit the VA from constructing new structures to be used as childcare centers. **Pages H1424–26**

H. Res. 105, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 840) and adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 86) was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of

225 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 69, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 227 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 68. Pursuant to section 2 of H. Res. 105, H. Res. 86 was agreed to. **Pages H1399–H1403, H1415–16, H1418**

**Clerk to Correct Engrossment:** Agreed by unanimous consent that in the engrossment of H.R. 494, the Clerk be directed to make the change placed at the desk. **Page H1431**

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H1399.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Four yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1415–17, H1416, H1416–17, and H1417–18. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture:* Full Committee held an organizational meeting. The Committee adopted its Rules for the 116th Congress and Committee Staff Assignments, without amendment.

### ENERGY TRENDS AND OUTLOOK

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Energy Trends and Outlook”. Testimony was heard from Linda Capuano, Administrator, Energy Information Administration; and public witnesses.

### OFFICE OF CONGRESSIONAL WORKPLACE RIGHTS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing entitled “Office of Congressional Workplace Rights”. Testimony was heard from Susan Tsui Grundmann, Executive Director, Office of Congressional Workplace Rights.

### OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing entitled “Open World Leadership Center”. Testimony was heard from Jane Sargus, Executive Director, Open World Leadership Center.

### QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE MILITARY

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled “Quality of Life in the Military”. Testimony was heard from Sergeant Major Daniel A. Dailey, Sergeant Major of the